

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 18-37 are currently pending, wherein claims 1, 4, 12-16, 18, 35 and 37 have been amended. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration in view of the remarks presented herein below.

In paragraph 3 of the Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-16 and 18-37 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,462,798 to Kim et al. ("Kim"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.


All the independent claims (i.e., claims 1, 4, 12-16, 18, 35 and 37) have been amended to recite "different, and not mirror-image, configurations", which the Examiner indicated would "overcome a rejection in view of Kim et al. and make each independent claim allowable," during the Interview conducted on December 16, 2003. (See Interview Summary, Paper No. 21). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-16 and 18-37 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in view of the above-identified amendment.

The application is in condition for allowance. Notice of same is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner find the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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